



BARMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1961

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Health Report for 1961.

The Registrar-General's estimate of population at mid-year showed a fall of 60. There were five fewer live births. There was one illegitimate birth compared to none in 1960.

Once again there were no still-births. There was one infant death under 1 week of age. There was no maternal death.

There were 45 deaths, compared to 25 in 1960. Cancer deaths totalled 6, compared to 5 in the previous year. There were no deaths from tuberculosis. Three cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified in 1961, compared to one case in 1960. No cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified.

The only infectious disease other than tuberculosis which was notified was measles, of which 81 cases were notified compared to 47 in 1960.

No cases of food poisoning were notified.

I should like to thank the Clerk Mr. Evans-Jones, Mr. Dodds and all officers of the council for their helpful assistance during the year. I should also like to thank the local general practitioners for their friendly and efficient co-operation during my term of office.

I am grateful to the Council for their support and friendly attitude during my time in Merionethshire.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

D. Felix Richards,

M.A., M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
D.P.H., D.T.M. & H., D.(Obst)., R.C.O.G.



GENERAL STATISTICS 1961

SECTION A

Area of Urban District of Barmouth

Rateable Value - 34,603
 Population (Registrar General's Figures) - 2,250.
 Sum represented by a Penny Rate - £132
 Number of inhabited houses (According to the Rate Books) at end of year - 1,101.

VITAL STATISTICS

Comparability Factors -

Births 1.09.
 Deaths 0.77.

BIRTHS

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	13	17
Legitimate .. .	12	17
Illegitimate .. .	1	-

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population - 13.33
 1960 figures - 15.55

Illegitimate Live Births - 0.44
 (per 1,000 population)

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	-	-

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population Nil.

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births Nil.

<u>TOTAL BIRTHS (Live & Still)</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Live	13	17
Still	-	-

DEATHS

<u>DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	1	-
Legitimate .. .	1	-
Illegitimate .. .	-	-

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births - 33.33.
 1960 figures - Nil.

Deaths of Legitimate Infants
 Mortality (per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births) - 34.48.

Deaths of Illegitimate Infants
 Mortality (per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births) - Nil.

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 WEEK OF AGE

										<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	1	-
Legitimate	1	-
Illegitimate	-	-

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 WEEK OF AGE

										<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	1	-
Legitimate	1	-
Illegitimate	-	-

Neo-natal Mortality Rate - 33.33

Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate - 33.33

Perinatal Mortality Rate - 33.33

MATERNAL DEATHS (including abortion) - Nil.

Maternal Mortality (Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births)

1960 figures - Nil.

DEATHS

										<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total Number	45						19	26
Rate per 1,000 population	-	20.00									
1960 figures	-	10.32									

DEATHS FROM CANCER

										<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total Number	6						4	2
Rate per 1,000 population	-	2.66.									
1960 figures	-	2.25.									

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS

Total Number	Nil.
Rate per 1,000 population	-	Nil.		
1960 figures	-	Nil.		

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA(1) PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

One Medical Officer of Health.

One Public Health Inspector holding appointment of Public Health Inspector/Surveyor.

(2) LABORATORY FACILITIES

Water Analysis (Chemical) carried out by Public Analyst, Chester.

Water (bacteriological examination) done by the Public Health Laboratory, Aberystwyth.

Milk (tests for cleanliness, keeping quality and Tubercle Bacilli) carried out by the Public Health Laboratory at no charge to the local authority.

(3) AMBULANCE FACILITIES

One Ambulance is stationed at Barmouth

(4) INFANT WELFARE CLINICS

Held at Chapel Vestry, Park Road, fortnightly.

(5) ANTE-NATAL CLINICS

Held at the Cottage Hospital, Dolgellau, twice a month

(6) ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC

Held at the Cottage Hospital, Dolgellau twice a month.

(7) TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC

Held at the Cottage Hospital, Dolgellau, twice a month.

(8) DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Arranged by the County Medical Officer of Health. Immunisation of babies and young children carried out at the Primary Schools at Regular intervals.

(9) POLIOMYELITIS IMMUNISATION

By arrangement of the County Medical Officer of Health.

(10) INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Total number of Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year:

Scarlet Fever - Nil.

Bacillary Dysentery - Nil.

Whooping Cough - Nil.

Measles - 31.

Infantile Paralysis - Nil.

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES.

		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Pulmonary	- Total 3.	1.	2.
Non-Pulmonary	- Total Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS

		<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females</u>
Pulmonary	- Total Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Non-Pulmonary	- Total Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and Mortality during 1961 in age groups

NEW CASES

DEATHS

Age Periods	Respiratory		Non - Respiratory		Respiratory		Non- Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0								
1								
2								
3								
5								
10								
15								
20								
25		2						
35								
45								
55	1							
65								
75								

CAUSES OF DEATH 1961.

	M.	F.
Tuberculosis Pulmonary		
Acute Poliomyelitis		
Cancer Stomach	3	-
Cancer Lungs		
Cancer Breast		
Cancer Other Sites	1	2
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	1	8
Coronary Diseases, angina	1	4
Hypertension with heart disease		
Other heart diseases	3	9
Other circulatory disease	2	1
Influenza	1	-
Pneumonia	1	-
Bronchitis		
Other diseases of Respiratory System	1	-
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	-	1
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea		
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases		
Motor vehicle accidents		
All other accidents	-	-
Suicide		

FOOD HYGIENE

Supervision and advice was given to local handlers generally during the year.

Number of prosecutions - Nil.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT

Section 47

No legal action was taken under this statute.

